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### 2011 Vintage Report: Quality wine expected despite a tough year

Australia will produce some great wine at all price points this year, despite taking a battering from the weather. The Winemakers' Federation of Australia says reports from a number of regions are of high quality across a range of varieties.

"While a lot of damaged fruit has had to be rejected, much of what was accepted was very good," said WFA chief executive Stephen Strachan. "There has been a great deal of pain across the industry, particularly for growers, but consumers can expect some exciting results.

"Rain caused problems everywhere except in the west, but the impact varied greatly between regions and even within regions. Some really suffered – we've heard of losses as high as 70-80%, with individuals wiped out – but others reported little disruption."

Despite the rejections, WFA's Vintage Report released today suggests the 2011 harvest will be 1.62 million tonnes – a 1% increase on last year. Riverina and the Riverland increased their share of the crush but the cooler regions generally were down. Chardonnay was the big mover.

The full Vintage Report is attached and also can be downloaded from the WFA website at [www.wfa.org.au](http://www.wfa.org.au)

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